

SENATE BILL 29

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8, Chapter 50; Title 8, Chapter 8; Title 38, Chapter 8; Title 68, Chapter 140 and Title 68, Chapter 102, relative to residency requirements.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-107, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d)

(1) Notwithstanding any law, private act, charter, resolution, or ordinance to the contrary, a local government shall not have a residency requirement for first responders as a condition of employment.

(2) As used in this subsection (d):

(A) "First responder" means paid, full-time law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel other than the chief or head of the department; and

(B) "Local government" means any county, metropolitan government, municipality, or other political subdivision of this state.

(3) This subsection (d) does not affect a local government's policy regarding the use of a vehicle while not on duty.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.